





**Election/Restriction Requirement**

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The Examiner has required restriction of the patent claims under 35 U.S.C. §121 among three inventive groups. Applicants elect without traverse to continue prosecution of claims corresponding to Group I, drawn to nucleic acids. Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 11-14 read on this elected species. Applicants are canceling at this time claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 15-23 without prejudice and reserve the right to file at a later date one or more divisional application containing these claims.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11899.0212.NPUS00/KAM.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned should any further action be required.

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